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SUBJECT: UNESCO 97TH EXECUTIVE BOARD: ITEM 9.6 -
CELEBRATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END
OF WORLD WAR II

REF: (A) PARIS 1110L; (B) STATE 106972

1. SUBJECT CELEBRATION DURING UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD
SESSION (MAY 9) CONSISTED OF TWO HOURS OF
SPEECHES BY 14 BOARD MEMBERS IN FOLLOWING ORDER: USSR,
YUGOSLAVIA, FRANCE, FRG, GDR, BULGARIA, US, UK, CUBA,
GHANA, URUGUAY, INDIA, SYRIA AND TOGO.

2. THE BRIEFEST (TWO MINUTES) WAS THAT BY FRENCH REP
WHO REITERATED GOF MISGIVINGS ABOUT LAST YEAR'S UNESCO
GENCONF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CELEBRATION AND CON-
CLUDED THAT "THIS COMMEMORATION IS NOT QUITE FITTING
FOR UNESCO."

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3. SOVIET EXBD MEMBER (KOUTAKOV) SPOKE FOR 15 MINUTES

ABOUT "VICTORY OF IDEOLOGY," OF "SOCIALIST HUMANISM" OVER FASCISM; ABOUT "IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION" WHICH THIS VICTORY HAS MADE TO "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND, IN 1949, TO CHINA. HE DEPLORED THE COLD WAR PERIOD THAT FOLLOWED WWII AND CALLED FOR "PEACEFUL COOPERATION" AND SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF CSCE. HE ALSO QUOTED FROM LETTERS OF EISENHOWER AND MONTGOMERY IN RECOGNITION FOR ENORMOUS SOVIET CONTRIBUTION TO VICTORY IN WWII.

4. CUBAN MEMBER (MARINELLO) WAS MOST OUTSPOKEN ABOUT "GREAT VICTORY OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES" IN INDO-CHINA "CHASING THE FASCISTS AND THEIR RUNNING DOGS OUT OF VIETNAM." HE ALSO PRAISED "THE SOCIALIST CAMP FOR BRINGING ABOUT INTERNATIONAL DETENTE."

5. SYRIAN (MURAYWID) REMINDED ABOUT ARAB SOLDIERS' HELP IN STOPPING HITLER AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE VICTORY. HE DEPLORED ZIONISM AND "ITS EXPANSIONIST SPIRIT OF FASCISM" FOR CONTINUING AGGRESSION AGAINST "THE PEACE-LOVING ARAB PEOPLE."

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF US STATEMENT DELIVERED BY DEPUTY PERMREP (WARVARIV):

"THIS YEAR MARKS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLDWIDE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRAGEDY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. IF THERE IS TO BE ANY LASTING VALUE DERIVED FROM COMMEMORATING THIS FACT, WE BELIEVE IT IS IN THE SENSE OF HEEDING THE LESSONS OF THE PAST SO THAT WE MAY MORE WISELY APPROACH THE PROBLEMS OF THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.

INDEED, THE ORIGINS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR CAN BE TRACED, AT LEAST IN LARGE PART, TO THE FAILURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HAVE HEEDED ADEQUATELY THE LESSONS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

AFTER HAVING PAID THE PRICE OF SCORES OF MILLIONS OF DEAD, OF MILLIONS ORPHANED, WIDOWED AND DEPRIVED OF

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LOVED ONES, OF THE WASTE OF MATERIAL AND INTELLECTUAL RESOURCES THAT COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO SERVE MANKIND RATHER THAN TO DESTROY, WE HAVE HOPEFULLY RESOLVED THAT THERE CANNOT AND MUST NOT EVER AGAIN BE ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST. IN A VERY REAL SENSE, WORLD WAR MEANS A CIVIL WAR IF WE ACCEPT THAT ALL MEN ARE BROTHERS, THAT ALL HUMANITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A GLOBAL FAMILY.

INDEED, IF THERE IS ANY PURPOSE TO MARKING THE END OF
THE SECOND WORLD WAR, IT IS NOT TO BE FOUND IN OPENING

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ANEW THE WOUNDS OF A GENERATION AGO.

RATHER, LET US MARK THIS EVENT BY LOOKING FORWARD TO
HONEST INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TRUE UNDERSTANDING-
AND ESPECIALLY WHERE THERE CANNOT BE PHILOSOPHICAL OR
IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENT POSSIBLE ON MANY ISSUES -- AND
LET US RECALL THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ROSE FROM
THE RUINS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR AS A SYMBOL OF MAN-
KIND'S DETERMINATION TO WORK IN UNISON FOR PEACE AND
THAT, PERHAPS, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HONOR THIS
HISTORIC EVENT. INDEED, THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, OF
WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART,
STANDS AT THE VERY LEAST FOR THE PRINCIPLE THAT OUR
DISAGREEMENTS AND DIVISIONS MUST NOT BE RESOLVED BY
RESORT TO VIOLENCE, THAT WE CAN AGREE TO DISAGREE PEACE-
FULLY AND FOR OUR AWARENESS THAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF

RECOURSE TO WAR ARE NOW TOO CATASTROPHIC TO BE RISKED.

PRESIDENT FORD, AT THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE UNITED NATIONS, DEDICATED THE UNITED STATES TO A
COOPERATIVE, OPEN APPROACH TO BUILD A MORE SECURE
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AND MORE PROSPEROUS WORLD. AS SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD
THE UN ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1974, "...THE BUILDING
OF A COOPERATIVE WORLD IS BEYOND THE GRASP OF ANY ONE
NATION. AN INTER DEPENDENT WORLD REQUIRES NOT MERELY
THE RESOURCES BUT THE VISION AND CREATIVITY OF US
ALL. NATIONS CANNOT SIMULTANEOUSLY CONFRONT AND CO-
OPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THE
COMMON INTEREST IS THE ONLY VALID TEST OF THE
NATIONAL INTEREST. IT IS IN THE COMMON INTEREST, AND
THUS IN THE INTEREST OF EACH NATION: -- THAT LOCAL
CONFLICTS BE RESOLVED SHORT OF FORCE AND THEIR ROOT
CAUSES REMOVED BY POLITICAL MEANS.-- THAT THE SPREAD
OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE SPREAD
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. -- THAT GROWING ECONOMIC INTER-
DEPENDENCE LIFT ALL NATIONS AND NOT DRAG THEM DOWN
TOGETHER."

UNESCO, WITH ITS SPECIAL MANDATE TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE
AND ITS FUNDAMENTAL PHILOSOPHICAL THESIS THAT THE
DEFENSES OF PEACE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE MINDS OF
MEN, HAS ALREADY MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS
COMMON ENDEAVOR. AS WE PAY HOMAGE TO THE TENS OF
MILLIONS WHO SUFFERED AND DIED IN THE SECOND WORLD
WAR, WE MUST REDEDICATE OUR DETERMINATION TO WORK
TOGETHER, THROUGH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS UNESCO, FOR THE
BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND.

LET US SOLEMNLY HONOR THE MILLIONS OF DEAD OF THE LAST
WAR, LET US RECOGNIZE THAT WE MUST ALWAYS SEEK TO
CORRECT AND OVERCOME OPPRESSION OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND
REJECT THE DENIAL UNDER ANY PRETEXT OF OUR COMMON
HUMANITY, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, LET WE THE LIVING
SEEK TO ESTABLISH PEACE IN JUSTICE, LIBERTY AND FREEDOM
FOR THE GENERATIONS THAT WILL FOLLOW US."
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